

St. Andrew's Church
Charleston Vicinity
Charleston County
South Carolina

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina

Owner: Diocese of South Carolina

Date of erection: 1706-1723

Builder: Jonathan Fitch and Thomas Rose (Supervisers)

Present condition: Good

Description:

Brick; stuccoed exterior; plastered interior; one story; nave and transept.

Additional data:

Parish founded 1706; early building about 1708, altered in 1723; burned 1764; rebuilt 1764; existing building substantially as in 1723. The transept was the original church.

Other existing records:

History of Episcopal Church, Dalcho, 1820

Prepared by Junior Architect James L. Burnett, Jr.

Approved: _____

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Additional data:

St. Andrew's Parish was once one of the richest and most important in the Low Country. The walls of the nave of its cruciform church are now the oldest architecture of the Episcopal Establishment in South Carolina. An inscription in the red tile over the end of the transept that looks toward Ashley River records that the building was begun in 1706, the year the Parish was established, J. F. (for Jonathan Fitch) and T. R. (for Thomas Rose) being the supervisors.

In 1723 the building was enlarged to its present size by the addition of the transept and choir. In 1764 the church was gutted by fire and the walls rebuilt upon. To judge by appearances, the interiors were altered also during the ante-bellum days of the nineteenth century.

Reference:

Stoney, S. G., Plantations of the Carolina Low Country

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